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1. LUIGI MACARIO HAS BEEN CISL SECRETARY GENERAL SINCE CONFIDENTIAL

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EARLY JULY. AS CISL'S DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL SINCE 1793, MACARIO BECAME ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL WHEN STORTI MOVED TO CNEL IN JANUARY 1977 AND WAS ELECTED TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM OF HIS OWN AT THE FIRST EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING AFTER CISL'S MID-JUNE CONGRESS, AT WHICH THE LEFT-CENTER MAJORITY FACTION LED BY NEW DEPUTY SECRETARY GENRAL PIERRE CARNITI AND MACARIO DEFEATED THE MODERATE

MINORITY LED BE FRANCO MARINI, PAOLO SARTORI AND OTHERS.

- 2. AN OLD 57, MACARIO IS GENERALLYREGARDED AS TRANSITIONAL FIRGURE FOR CARNITI. A RAMBLING, EARTHY ORATOR, MACARIO HAS CONSIDERABLE RANK-AND-FILE APPEAL FROM HIS DAYS AS LEADER OF CISL'S METAL WORKERS' UNION (FIM), BUT IS VIEWED BY MOST OF OUR TRADE UNION CONTACTS AS EXERCISING LITTLE LEADERSHIP.
- 3. BORN NEAR TURIN IN 1922, MACARIO TOOK PART IN THE RESISTANCE AND SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME THE PROVINCIAL. THEN A NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE POST, TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH WORKERS' UNION. HE HELPED SPLIT THE OLD UNITARY, COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CGIL AND FORM CISL IN 1948. AFTER SHORT CISL PROVINCIAL SECRETARY STINTS IN MANTOVA AND PAVIA AND A BRIEF GROUP EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO THE US, MACARIO MOVED TO ROME TO DO ORGANIZATIONAL WORK AT CISL HQ. HE WAS ELECTED A CISL NATIONAL SECRTARY IN 1959, THEN SECRETARY GENERAL OF FIM, CISL'S SECOND BIGGEST BUT MOST IMPORTANT UNION. HE PRESIDED OVER FIM DURING THE 1969 "HOT AUTUMN" OF RANK-AND-FILE REVOLT, WHICH LED TO THE GROWTH OF UNION POWER AND WORKERS' INCOMES. AS WELL AS TO THE RE-INVIGORATION AND PARTIAL REUNIFICATION OF FIM AND THE OTHER TWO METAL WORKERS' UNIONS (FIOM/CGIL AND UILM) INTO THE FLM. CARNITI, GIORGIO BENVENUTO AND COMMUNIST BRUNO TRENTIN (LAMA'S MOST LIKELY SUCCESSOR) ACQUIRED CONFIDENTIAL.

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THEIR CHARISMA AS METAL WORKERS' LEADERS DURING THIS PERIOD. WITH THE REST OF CISL'S LEFT, MACARIO HELPED STORTI BEAST THE MODERATE CHALLENGE OF VITO SCALIA. HE WAS ELECTED A CISL NATIONAL SECRETARY IN 1970 AND STORTI SUBSEQUENTLY REWARDED HIM WITH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL JOB IN 1973. (CARNITI REPLACED MACARIO AT FIM).

- 4. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, MACARIO HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN REESTABLSHING CISL'S TIES WITH THE AFL-CIO, WHICH DETERIORATED MARKEDLY WHEN BRUNO STORI BROUGHT CISL INTO FEDERATION WITH THE CGIL (AND UIL). REFTELS (C), (D), (E), (F), (G) PROVIDE FURTHER BACKGROUND ON MACARIO AND ON HIS, CARNITI'S AND GABAGLIO'S ATTITUDES ON THE MATTERS THEY WISH TO DISCUSS.
- 5. PIERRE CARNITI, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF CISL ONLY 41, IS THE OBVIOUS PROBABLE SUCCESSOR TO LUIGI MACARIO AT THE TOP OF CISL. BORN NEAR CREMONA, CARNITI PERSONIFIES THE UP-FROM-THE-RANKS, MILITANT, LEFT WING TYPE WHICH HAS TENDED TO DOMINATE THE CISL SINCE 1969. BEFORE ENTERING THE CISL SECRETARIAT, CARNITI WAS THEN

SECRETARY GENERAL OF CISL'S POWERFUL METAL WORKERS UNION. HE WAS REGARDED AS AN ENFANT TERRIBLE, BEING FREQUENTLY AMONG THE LOUDEST CRITICS OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC POLICIES AND GOVERNMENTS. SINCE SETTING HIS SIGHTS ON THE TOP LEADERSHIP ROLE IN CISL, CARNITI HAS BEEN AT PAINS TO ALTER HIS IMAGE AND BEHAVIOR, BOTH BY SPEAKING OUT FAR LESS FREQUENTLY AND BY MENDING HIS FENCES WITHIN THE DC (OF WHICH HE IS NOT, BY HIS OWN TESTIMONY, A MEMBERS). IN COMMON WITH THE ITALIAN LEFT GENERALLY, HE HARBORS CERTAIN INCHOATE SUSPICIONS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES, BASED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON A COMBINATION OF IGNORANCE AND A KIND OF IDEOLOGICAL MIND-SET, WHICH COMES TO THE SAME THING. NEVERTHELESS, THOUGH HE IS A BIT STANDOFFISH ABOUT THE UNITED STATES, HE IS CERTAINLY NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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HOSTILE. HE DOES FEEL THAT THE
US GOVERNMENT FAVORS HIS MORE MODERATE COMPETITORS WITHIN CISL (SUCH AS FRANCO MARINI OR PAOLO SARTORI),
ALTHOUGH WE HAVE REGULARLY CULTIVATED HIM AND OTHRS IN
THE CISL MAJORITY. WHILE CARNITI IS BURDENED BY A LOT
OF LEFT-WING BAGGAGE, HE SEEMS BASICALLY HONEST, EARNEST
AND EXCEPTIONALLY CAPABLE.

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6. CARNITI POSSESSES CONSIDERABLE NATIVE INTELLIGNECE, THOUGH HE OFTEN SEEMS UNDERINFORMED ABOUT THE REALITIES OF COMMUNISM. CARNITI HAS VISITED THE US UNDER OUR AUSPICES A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO (1964 LEADER GRANT).

7. CARNITI IS MARRIED, HAS AT LEAST ONE CHILE.

8. FRANCO MARINI, NATIONAL SECRETARY OF CISL, IS FROM THE ABRUZZI AND WILL BE 45 ON APRIL 9. HE IS, WITH SARTORI, A LEADING FIGURE OF THE CISL "MINORITY" AND PROBABLY THE DC'S CHOSEN INSTRUMENT IN THE CISL'S UPPER REACHES. MARINI IS A VERY INTELLIGNET, APPEALING AND WELL-LIKED FIGURE WHOSE PRINCIPLE WEAKNESS IS THAT HE COMES OUT OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR, RATHER THAN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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INDUSTRIAL SECTOR WHICH TRADITIONALLY DOMINATES IN LABOR CIRCLES. HE HAS OCCASIONALLY BEEN HELD TO BE TOO CAUTIOUS, BUT, GIVEN THE ODDS THE CISL MINOTIRY FACES, THIS IS COMMENDABLE PRUDENCE IN MOST CASES. HE HAS RATHER CLEARLY SET HIS FACE AGAINST SECESSION AND. INSTEAD, SEEKS TO EXERT MAXIMUM INFLUFCE ON CISL POLICY FROM WITHIN. MARINI, AND IVP GRANTEE IN 1976, WAS THE LOSING CANDIDATE FOR THE CISL'S NUMBER TWO POST IN LAST JUNE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS. MRS. MARINI IS A PHYSICIAN: THEY HAVE AN ADOPTED INFANT ON WHOM THEY DOTE. THOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN AT POLITICAL ODDS, CARNITI AND MARINI ARE PERSONAL FRIENDS OF LONG STANDING CARNITI AND MARINI NOW SEEM TO BE RECONCILING THEIR DIFFERENCE AND WORKING MUCH MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER AS A RESULT OF GROWING COMMON AGREEMENT BETWEEN CISL'S RADICAL MAJORITY AND MODERATE MINORITY ABOUT THE DANGERS OF AND NEED TO RESIST COMMUNIST MANIPULATION OF LABOR TO FURTHER THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S ADVANACE TOWARD GREATER POLITICAL POWER.

9. EMILIO GABAGLIO WAS NAMED TO HEAD CISL'S INTER-NATIONAL OFFICE IN JULY 1977, AFTER MACARIO AND CARNITI WERE ELECTED. HE HAD HOINED CISL'S INTERNATIONAL OFFICE EARLIER DURING 1978 ON A CO-EQUAL BASIS WITH FORMER CISL INTERNATIONAL OFFICE CHEIF BARBRIZIA GLORIOSA BADUEL, WHOM HE NOW SUPERVISES. GABAGLIO, FORMERLY A RADICAL LEADER OF ITALY'S CHRISTIAN WORKERS' ASSOCIATION (ACLI - SEE REFTEL (B)), EMOTIONALLY ATTUNED TO THIRD WORLD CAUSES, HAS LONG BEEN CLOSE TO CARNITI AND HAS APPARENTLY MELLOWED SOMEWHAT IN HIS VIEWS IN PARALLEL WITH CARNITI. AS NOTED IN REF B, ACLI TOO IS RENEWING TIES WITH THE CHURCH AND DC AND TAKING ITS DISTANCE FROM MARXISM. GABAGLIO VISITED THE US AS A VOLUNTARY VISITOR IN JANUARY 1965, ACCOMPANYING IVP GRANTEE CONFIDENTIAL

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